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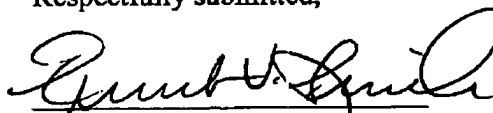
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## RULE 312 AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Allowance and the request for formal drawings, Applicant submits herewith, for approval by the Examiner, the proposed formal drawings (Figs. 1-4) due in the above-referenced application. Applicant also submits that, pursuant to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals, that only Claims 1, 2, 3, 18, 20, 21 and 22 have been found unpatentable. Accordingly, the Examiner's Amendment, which recites cancellation of Claims 1-5 and 18-22, is in error. Correction of the Examiner's Amendment is respectfully requested allowing Claims 4, 5, and 19 in addition to the other claims previously allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Proposed formal drawings are submitted herewith for approval. These appear as the final four pages of this facsimile transmission. The errors noted in Paper No. 3 have all been corrected.